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## 50 things to do before you're five

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## Top 15 recommended reads



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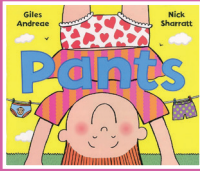
This is a selection of books compiled by Early Years and the Portsmouth School Library Service to share and enjoy with your child before they start school.

Visit your local library to find any of the recommended reads. Enjoy sharing the stories, acting them out, talking about what is happening and building up a love for books.

You can share the books at bedtime or breakfast time or any time you fancy a read!

Choose any of the 15 recommended reads and enjoy the stories with your children.

These books have been chosen as they have lots of rhymes, interesting words and fun storylines. Sharing the books together will help your child to develop their language skills and support them on their journey into school.



## Pants

*Giles Andreae*

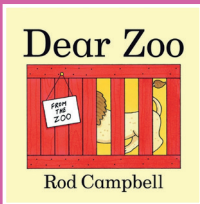
A rhyming book on the variety of pants.



## Ten Little Superheroes

*Mike Brownlow*

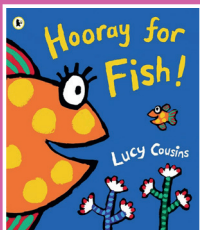
Count down the numbers 10 to 1 with a story about superheroes' adventures.



## Dear Zoo

*Rod Campbell*

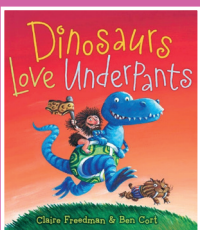
A request to the zoo for a pet results in a number of different animals being sent.



## Hooray for Fish!

*Lucy Cousins*

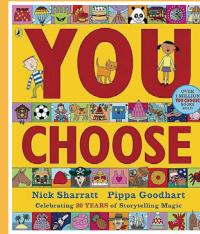
A rhyming story in which a fish meets lots of other fish as he goes for a swim.



## Dinosaurs Love Underpants

*Claire Freedman*

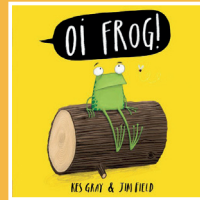
Dinosaurs fight each other over wearing the cave men's pants.



## You Choose

*Pippa Goodhart*

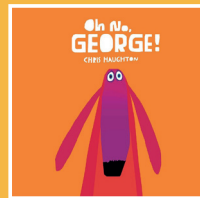
Choose your ideal house, pet or food and more from the pictures.



## Oi Frog!

*Kes Gray*

Join cat to teach frog that all animals have their special places to sit!



## Oh No, George!

*Chris Haughton*

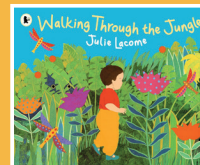
George the dog finds it very hard to be good all the time.



## This Old Man

*Claire Key (Illustrator)*

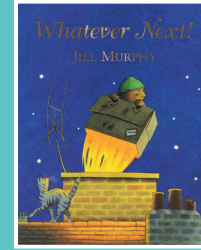
Join in with this well known counting rhyme.



## Walking Through the Jungle

*Julie Lacome*

Can you guess which jungle animals are being described in this rhyming story?



## Whatever Next!

*Jill Murphy*

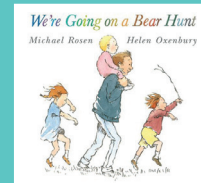
Baby Bear imagines a trip to the moon, using household objects to make a rocket.



## Mixed Up Fairy Tales

*Hilary Robinson*

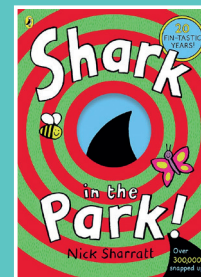
Create a new version of fairy tales using the split pages to mix them up.



## We're Going on a Bear Hunt

*Michael Rosen*

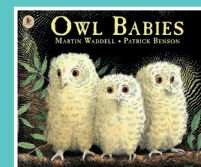
Follow the excitement as a family go on a bear hunt, but what surprise awaits them?



## Shark in the Park!

*Nick Sharratt*

Timothy Pope is on a trip through the park. Is that really a shark he can see?



## Owl Babies

*Martin Waddell*

Three baby owls, Sarah, Percy and Bill, sit and wait for their mother to come home.